GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:275
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Villages Declared as ODF
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) after lst and 2nd verifications by the respective State Governments, out of 2,04,245 villages which were self-declared by Gram Panchayats as ODF as on 23.06.2017, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is regularly paying the "commitment fee" of 0.5% on World Bank loan from the day of the signing of the agreement in 2015 under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(c) if so, the details thereof including the total amount of fee paid by the Government till date;

(d) whether the Government has appointed the third party surveying/ monitoring agency for the SBM and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to successfully apply for the second tranche of the World Bank loan amounting to US $229 million?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *275 for 03.08.2017

(a) A statement regarding State/UT-wise, Open Defecation Free (ODF) declared and ODF verified villages by the respective State Governments, as on 23.06.2017 is at Annexure-1.

(b) to (e) The loan agreement for Swachh Bharat Mission Support Operation was signed between World Bank and the Government of India on 30th March, 2016.
The total World Bank credit obtained for the Project is US $ 1500 million of which US $ 1475 million is for providing incentivisation to States on the basis of their performance as per certain performance indicators known as Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) and US$ 25 million for strengthening the Programme Management and Capacity Building at National Level in MDWS through an Investment Project Financing (IPF). The commitment charge payable by the Government has been fixed to be a quarter of one percent (0.25%) per annum on the unwithdrawn loan balance.
As part of the World Bank Project, an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) has been appointed to conduct National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) which shall measure and provide statistically representative estimates for progress made by all States/UTs against the three DLIs. The first and base round of survey is to be scheduled to start from the month of September/October.